TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Saturday, the 8th August, 1931/23rd Karkatakam, 1106.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

The following members were not present :—

1. Mr. I. C. Chacko.
2. ,, L. J. T. Polgreen.
3. ,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla.
4. ,, C. N. Tuppan Namputripad.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Supply of Forms under the Legislative Council Electoral Rules to the Returning Officers.

95. **MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they usually send printed copies of the Forms prescribed by the Electoral Rules of the Legislative Council to the Returning Officers to be made available to candidates to Legislative Council elections ;

(*b*) whether, in the general elections to the Legislative Council in 1106 M. E., there was a failure on the part of the Government to send any kind of these Forms to the Returning Officers ;

(*c*) whether any Returning Officer wrote or wired to them for the immediate despatch of printed copies of the Form of Return of Election Expenses of candidates ; and

(*d*) if so, the name of such Returning Officer and the date on which copies of the Form were despatched to him ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Printed copies of Forms necessary for the election are usually sent to the Returning Officers.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes ; the Division Assistant and Returning Officer Kottayam, requested in his letter dated the 16th Mithunam 1106, for the supply of copies of the Form for the Return of Election Expenses for which however printed forms are not obligatory. Printed copies were despatched on the 20th Mithunam 1106.

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MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there was failure on the part of the Government to supply the forms in time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

The Special Electoral Rolls Officer, 1106.

96. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With regard to the appointment of the Electoral Rolls Officer in connection with the Legislative Council elections in 1106, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Electoral Rolls Officer was appointed;

(*b*) whether he was appointed as a full time officer;

(*c*) whether that office was subsequently combined with a Dewan Peishkarship, and, if so, when;

(*d*) whether the two offices were again separated, and, if so, when; and

(*e*) the reason for the combination and the separation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) From the 3rd Chingam 1106.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; from the 25th Makaram 1106 (A. N.)

(*d*) Yes; from the 16th Minam 1106 (F. N.)

(*e*) The manuscripts of the preliminary electoral rolls had been prepared by the several Registration Officers and after scrutiny by the Special Electoral Rolls Officer had been sent to the Press for printing before the 25th Makaram 1106. The Revising Authorities for the several registration areas began to sit only from the 15th Minam 1106 and during the intervening period the work in the special office was comparatively light. During this period therefore it was possible for the Special Electoral Rolls Officer to attend to the special work in addition to his duties as Dewan Peishkar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know who the Electoral Rolls Officer was?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. T. P. Ramasubbha Aiyar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why was it that the Electoral Rolls officer was also made Dewan Peishkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is explained in part (*e*).

Refusal of ticket of admission to the Council Hall to the representative of the "Kesari."

97. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they did not issue a Press ticket to the representative of the weekly 'Kesari' for admission to the last Legislative Council meeting even though there was an application in time; and

(*b*) if so, why?

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